

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: James D. Ballew et al.  
Serial No.: 10/826959  
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Group Art Unit: 2113  
Confirmation No.: 1484  
Examiner: Elmira Mehrmanesh  
Title: *System and Method for Detecting and Managing HPC Node Failure*

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Dear Sir:

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Office Action sent 20 October 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following.